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DATE: June 20, 1954

SUBJECT: Situation in Guatemala

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The Ambassador reported that the City of Guatemala was quiet. Some private American citizens want to leave the city, but there are no commercial airlines operating. All members of the official families prefer to stay.

He tried yesterday to see the Foreign Minister to protest the refusal of the government to grant exit permits. He has been unable to see the Foreign Minister but will continue his attempts.

He has confirmed that yesterday a plane made a strafing run over the military side of the airport, but did not bother the civilian side. There is a report which he has not been able to confirm that the same plane dropped a bomb on the military side of the airport.

This is the only evidence or indication that has reached his attention of either strafing or bombing.

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